



PATENT

Attorney Docket No. 87711
Client Ref. No. P3P99022US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

SEIJI MOTOJIMA, ET AL.

Application No. 09/403,894

Filed: October 26, 1999

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
MANUFACTURING CARBON FIBER
COILS

Customer No. 20350

Confirmation No.

Examiner: Stuart L. Hendrickson

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1754

DECLARATION OF
JUSTIN K. EMERSON IN SUPPORT OF
RENEWED PETITION FOR REVIVAL
OF UNINTENTIONALLY
ABANDONED PATENT APPLICATION

I, Justin K. Emerson ("Emerson"), declare as follows:

1. I am employed by Townsend & Townsend & Crew of San Francisco, California, ("TTC"), as a docketing assistant since April 2004.
2. I prepared a copy of TTC's Patent Management (View Only) - Docket Edit for the above-captioned case (Exh. J) and the Docketing Module - Edit Date for the above-captioned application (Exh. K) from TTC's docketing database.
3. TTC docketed incoming Office Actions and other official communications from the USPTO which require that a particular action in a given case be taken, including the date when the action is due.
4. Advisory Actions are noted but not docketed by TTC because by themselves they do not trigger a date on which a particular action needs to be taken.
5. TTC received the Advisory Action of November 25, 2003 (Exh. D), which is reflected by the entry in the Docketing Module (Exh. K).

6. The Advisory Action of November 25, 2003 (Exh. D) does not appear on TTC's Patent Management (View Only) - Docket Edit (Exh. J) because it does not trigger a date on which an action in this case needs to be taken.

I declare under the penalty of perjury that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, having been warned that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 USC §1001, and may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent resulting therefrom.

Dated: _____

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DOCUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF
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37 CFR 1.137(b) FOR REVIVAL OF
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PATENT APPLICATION NO. 09/403,894
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San Francisco, CA 94111
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Sir:

The following chronologically lists the events that ultimately led to the abandonment of this application and which demonstrate that the abandonment was entirely unintentional.

(Exhibit A)
November 12, 2002

In a non-final Office Action (copy attached as Exh. A), claims 19, 24 and 25 were allowed, claims 26-28, 30, 32 and 36 were rejected, and claims 29 and 31 were held to be directed to allowable subject matter but were objected to because they depended from rejected parent claims. In response to this Office Action, Kevin T. Lemond (Lemond), then a partner of Townsend & Townsend & Crew ("TTC"), who was in charge of this application, filed an Amendment dated March 12, 2003 which canceled claim 31 and added its subject matter to claim 26 to render claim 26, and therewith claims 27-30, 32-34 and 36 that depended from claim 26, allowable.

(Exhibit B)
April 25, 2003

A Final Rejection (copy attached as Exh. B) continued to allow claims 19, 24 and 25 but rejected claims 26-30, 32 and 36 and contained the note that "claim 31 was not incorporated; the claim language was changed".

(Exhibit 1)
May 28, 2003

By fax letter (copy attached as Exh. 1), Lemond reported the Final Rejection (Exh. B) to the client, Onda Techno International Patent Attorneys of Gifu-City, Japan, ("Onda"), and pointed out that the subject matter of claim 31 was not properly incorporated, as its language was changed, which required a slight modification of claim 26 in order to place it in condition for allowance. The letter noted that a response was due by July 25, 2003 and that the six-month statutory period for responding to the Office Action ends October 25, 2003.

(Exhibit 2)
June 6, 2003

The client, Onda, instructed Lemond by letter (copy attached as Exh. 2) to file a suitable response by July 25, 2003.

(Exhibit C)
September 25, 2003

An Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.116 (copy attached as Exh. C) was filed, included an amendment of claim 26, and stated in relevant parts:

In the previous Amendment, applicants amended claim 26 to include the subject matter of claim 31. However, applicants neglected to include the subject matter of claim 30 (upon which claim 31 depended) and claim 27 (upon which claim 30 depended). Accordingly, applicants have amended claim 26 to include the subject matter of claims 27 and 30. It is respectfully submitted that claim 26 is now allowable as indicated by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed November 12, 2002.

(Exhibit 3)
September 26, 2003

With a letter (copy attached as Exh. 3), Lemond forwarded to the client, Onda, a copy of the Amendment filed September 25, 2003 and noted that in the event the Amendment were not entered, a request for continued examination or a new continuation, divisional or continuation-in-part application must be filed by October 25, 2003 to prevent the application from becoming abandoned.

(Exhibit 4)
October 16, 2003

TTC sent an invoice (copy attached as Exh. 4) to the client, Onda, for the Amendment filed September 25, 2003.

(Exhibit D)
November 25, 2003

An Advisory Action (copy attached as Exh. D) stated that the proposed Amendment had not been entered and noted that “part of the addition duplicates language already in the claim” and that the “added language does not correspond to claim 30”. Although this Advisory Action was received according to records of TTC’s Docketing Department, it became internally lost and never became part of TTC’s file for this case until a copy thereof was retrieved from PAIR in February 2007. (Welch Declaration)

(Exhibit E)
June 17, 2004

A Notice of Abandonment (copy attached as Exh. E) stated that the application was abandoned in view of “Applicants’ failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 4/25/03 (and 11/25/03)”. The cover sheet of the Office Action bore a stamp, applied by TTC, which stated “Not Abandoned in Docket” and “Check Abandoned Status: 8/17/04”.

(Exhibit F)
October 21, 2004

Lemond refiled the Amendment dated September 25, 2003 (copy attached as Exh. F) under the belief that the Amendment had not been received by the USPTO. (Olivier Declaration)

February 28, 2006

Lemond left TTC and moved out of state.

(Exhibit H)
January 25, 2007

A second Notice of Abandonment (copy attached as Exh. H) was received by TTC which stated that the application was abandoned for failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office Letter mailed April 25, 2003, and further noted that “the Amendment of 10/21/04 is a second copy of the Amendment of 9/25/03”. Shortly thereafter, on or about February 7, 2007, a copy of the Advisory Action of November 25, 2003 (Exh. D) was retrieved directly from PAIR. (Welch Declaration)

(Exhibit 5)
February 15, 2007

Upon receipt of the second Notice of Abandonment (Exh. H), the file was given to J. Georg Seka (Seka), who assumed responsibility for this case. Seka sent a letter (copy attached as Exh. 5) to the client, Onda, inquiring whether there was an intent on the part of the client to abandon the application, because Seka saw no indication in the file that this was the case.

(Exhibit 6)
February 20, 2007

The client, Onda, informed Seka in a letter (copy attached as Exh. 6) that there had not been any intent on the part of the client to abandon the case.

(Exhibit 7)
March 14, 2007

A letter from Seka to the client (copy attached as Exh. 7) briefly summarizes the developments that led to the abandonment of the case and forwarded to the client a copy of a proposed Amendment to be filed with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

(Exhibit 8)
March 16, 2007

In a letter (copy attached as Exh. 8), the client, Onda, informed Seka that the Amendment was agreeable and asked that it be filed.

(Exhibit I)
March 19, 2007

Seka filed a Petition for the revival of an application for unintentional abandonment together with an RCE and an Amendment, copies of all of which are attached hereto as Exhibit I.

(Exhibit 9)
March 23, 2007

In a letter (copy attached as Exh. 9), Seka confirmed to the client that a Petition for the revival of an unintentionally abandoned patent application had been filed, together with an RCE and an Amendment.


(Exhibit J)

A copy of TTC's "Patent Management (View Only) - Docket Edit" which lists docket entries of TTC relating to the present application.

(Exhibit K)

"Docketing Module - Edit Date" from TTC's docket which confirms receipt of Advisory Action of November 25, 2003 but which is not entered in the docket because the Advisory Action does not trigger a new date.

Respectfully submitted,


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Response Due 2/12/03 53P

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.



Office Action Summary

Application No.

09/403,894

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Stuart Hendrickson

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 August 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 19,24-32 and 36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 19,24 and 25 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 26-28,30,32 and 36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 29 and 31 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- 5) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 16) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 17) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.
- 18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 20) ☒ Other: *irradiated mail notice*.

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The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

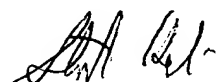
Claims 26-28, 30, 32 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Foster et al.

Foster teaches in column 2 and fig. 1 an apparatus having gas (propane) inlet and outlet, a heater and a catalyst subject to voltage, which is all the structure which is claimed. The intended use does not limit an apparatus. No differences are seen.

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims pending have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim 19 should say 'charge', not 'change'. In claim 29, 'of' should be deleted.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to examiner Hendrickson at telephone number (703) 308-2539.



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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, such period shall, by default, expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 3/12/03
- ☒ This action is **FINAL**.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- ☒ Claim(s) 19, 24-30, 32, 36 is/are pending in the application.
- Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☒ Claim(s) 17, 24, 25 is/are allowed.
- ☐ Claim(s) 26-30, 37, 38 is/are rejected.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement

Application Papers

- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
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- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d).
- ☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the:
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a))

*Certified copies not received: _____

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Notice of Reference(s) Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Other _____

Office Action Summary

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The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 26-30, 32 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

A) In claim 26, the listed gases do not contain S and P; the claims now require one gas which contains both of these elements. The added clause to claim 26 is not clear.

Claim 31 was not incorporated; the claim language was changed. The ^{apparatus} claims are interpreted that the apparatus requires the presence of both carbon gas and P/S gas; a gas-free apparatus would still be anticipated by Foster.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to examiner Hendrickson at telephone number (703) 308-2539.



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Re: US Patent Application No. 09/403,894
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
MANUFACTURING CARBON FIBER COILS
Filed: October 26, 1999
Your Reference No.: P3P99022US
Our File No.: 087711-000000US

Dear Mr. Ino:

Enclosed is a copy of the latest and final Office Action from the U.S. Patent Office regarding the above-identified invention.

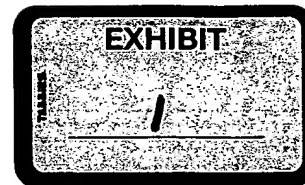
Claims 19, 24 and 25 continue to be deemed to be directed to allowable subject matter.

The Examiner is now objecting to claim 26 since he believes that the amendment to claim 26 is not clear, as it now requires one gas that contains both S and P. Furthermore, the Examiner is indicating that claim 31's subject matter was not properly incorporated, as the claim language of claim 31 was changed. Accordingly, we will need to slightly modify claim 26 in order to place it in condition for allowance. Since it appears that the claim language used in claim 26 was our language, we will prepare and file a suitable response at no cost to you or your client.

Please let us know if this is acceptable to you and your client.

Our response is due by July 25, 2003 to keep the application from becoming abandoned. This date can be extended for up to three months upon payment of a fee at the time we file our response.

After a final rejection, reconsideration based upon old or new arguments can be requested. Rejected claims can be cancelled or combined and claims can be amended by incorporating limitations that were present in at least one previously pending claim. Note, however, that new limitations normally cannot be introduced into the claims after an application

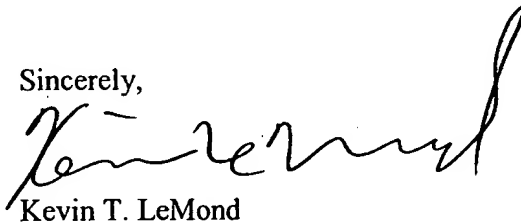


is under final rejection. That normally can only be done by refiling the application as a continuation application in which claims including the new limitations are submitted. In addition, the final rejection can be appealed to the Patent Office Board of Appeals.

If we do prepare an amendment, but the Examiner either refuses entry of the amendment (for example, if it raises new issues or requires further search) or enters it only for the purposes of an appeal, we can file an appeal or file a continuation or a continuation-in-part application. This must be done before the end of the six-month statutory period, that is by October 25, 2003, if prosecution is to continue. In other words, after we receive a final Office Action, anything else we do must be done within the six month statutory period; anything we do or the Examiner does will usually not start a new time period running.

We await your instructions.

Sincerely,



Kevin T. LeMond

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Disposition of Claims

- ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100 is/are pending in the application.
- ☐ Of the above claim(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100 is/are allowed.
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The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 26-30, 32 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

A) In claim 26, the listed gases do not contain S and P; the claims now require one gas which contains both of these elements. The added clause to claim 26 is not clear.

Claim 31 was not incorporated; the claim language was changed. The ^{apparatus} claims are interpreted that the apparatus requires the presence of both carbon gas and P/S gas; a gas-free apparatus would still be anticipated by Foster.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

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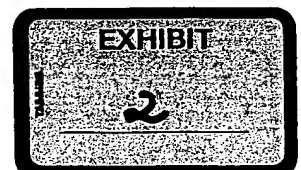
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In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 25, 2003 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 Claims 1-18 canceled.

1 19. (Previously Amended) A method of manufacturing carbon fiber coils comprising:
2 placing a solid catalyst within a reaction chamber;
3 supplying stock gas and a catalytic gas to the reaction chamber;
4 applying voltage to the solid catalyst to charge the solid catalyst; and
5 heating the interior of the chamber to grow carbon fiber coils from the stock gas, wherein an
6 exterior of the reaction chamber is substantially free of a magnetic field during the heating.

1 Claims 20-23 canceled.

1 24. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 19, wherein the voltage is a
2 DC voltage and the solid catalyst is negatively charged.

1 25. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 19, wherein the interior of
2 the chamber is heated to a temperature in the range of 700 to 830 degrees Centigrade.

1 26. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for manufacturing carbon fiber coils from a
2 stock gas, which is subjected to thermal decomposition to generate solid carbon, and a catalytic
3 gas, which promotes thermal decomposition of the stock gas, the apparatus comprising:
4 a reaction chamber, to which the stock gas and the catalytic gas are supplied
5 through a port;
6 a solid catalyst located within the reaction chamber;
7 a power source, which is external to the reaction chamber, for applying voltage to
8 the solid catalyst; **[[and]]**
9 a heating device for heating the interior of the reaction chamber to grow carbon
10 fiber coils from the stock gas, wherein the heating device produces substantially no magnetic
11 field in the reaction chamber;

12 wherein the catalytic gas contains at least one of sulfur compound and phosphorus
13 compound, and the sulfur compound and phosphorus compound include thiophene, hydrogen
14 sulfide, methylmercaptan, and phosphorus trichloride;

15 wherein the solid catalyst faces an outlet of the port and is spaced from the outlet by a
16 distance, and the stock gas is supplied to the reaction chamber at a certain velocity, wherein the
17 ratio of the velocity of the stock gas to the distance is in a range of 10 to 10000, wherein the
18 velocity is expressed in centimeters per minute and the distance is expressed in centimeters; and

19 wherein the catalytic gas contains at least one of sulfur compound and phosphorus
20 compound, and the sulfur compound and phosphorus compound include thiophene, hydrogen
21 sulfide, methylmercaptan, and phosphorus trichloride.

1 Please cancel claim 27.

1 28. (Currently amended) The apparatus according to claim ~~[[27]]~~ 26, wherein the stock
2 gas contains one of acetylene, methane, and propane.

1 29. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 28, wherein the catalyst
2 contains microcrystalline nickel.

1 Please cancel claim 30.

1 Claim 31 canceled.

1 32. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 26, wherein the reaction
2 chamber is heated to a temperature in the range of 700 to 830 degrees Centigrade.

1 Claims 33-35 canceled.

1 36. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 35, wherein the power
2 source is a DC power source for negatively charging the solid catalyst.

1 Claims 37-40 canceled.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 19, 24-26, 28-29, 32 and 36 are pending.

Applicants note with appreciation the indicated allowability of claims 19, 24-25, 29 and 31.

Claims 26-30, 32 and 36 stand rejected. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

In the previous amendment, applicants amended claim 26 to include the subject matter of claim 31. However, applicants neglected to include the subject matter of claim 30 (upon which claim 31 depended) and claim 27 (upon which claim 30 depended). Accordingly, applicants have amended claim 26 to include the subject matter of claims 27 and 30. It is respectfully submitted that claim 26 is now allowable as indicated by the Examiner in the office action mailed November 12, 2002. Claims 32 and 36 depend on claim 26 and therefore are also allowable for at least the reasons claim 26 is allowable.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is urged.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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Application Number 09/403,894		Filed October 26, 1999
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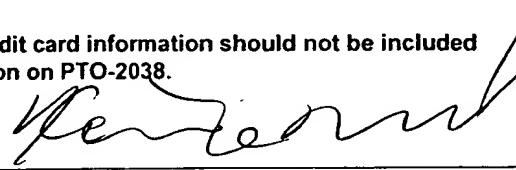
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Re: US Patent Application No. 09/403,894
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
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Filed: October 26, 1999
Your Reference No.: P3P99022US
Our File No.: 087711-000000US

Dear Mr. Ino:

Enclosed is a copy of an Amendment that was filed in the U.S. Patent Office on
Septembet 25, 2003 in the above-referenced application.

As you may be aware, responses to final Office Actions are entered or not at the
Examiner's discretion, and simply filing a response does not prevent the Patent Office from
declaring the application abandoned after the expiration of the six-month period for action after
final rejection. If the response we have filed is not entered or does not persuade the Examiner to
allow the application, we will need to decide whether to appeal the rejection, re-open prosecution
by filing a request for continued examination (which requires a new filing fee), or file a new
continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part application. Any such action will need to be
taken by October 25, 2003 in order to prevent the application from becoming abandoned.

We will continue to keep you apprised of further developments. In the meantime, if you
have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Kevin T. LeMond

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ADVISORY ACTION

THE REPLY FILED FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY (check only a) or b))

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 5 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
b) ☐ In view of the early submission of the proposed reply (within two months as set forth in MPEP § 707.07(f)), the period for reply expires on the mailing date of this Advisory Action, OR continues to run from the mailing date of the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. ☐ A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) will be entered upon the timely submission of a Notice of Appeal and Appeal Brief with requisite fees.
3. ☒ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
(a) ☒ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. (see NOTE below);
(b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter. (see NOTE below);
(c) ☒ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
(d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE:

Part of the addition duplicates language already in the claim, while the rest raises new issues not corresponding to claim 27 or 30.

4. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____

5. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).

6. ☒ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☒ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: the added language does not correspond to claim 30. It is new.

7. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.

8. ☒ For purposes of Appeal, the status of the claim(s) is as follows (see attached written explanation, if any):

Claim(s) allowed: 19, 24, 25

Claim(s) objected to: _____

Claim(s) rejected: 26-30, 32, 36

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____

9. ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ a) ☐ has b) ☐ has not been approved by the Examiner.

10. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____

11. ☐ Other: _____

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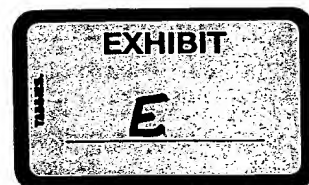
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This application is abandoned in view of:

- ☒ Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 4/25/03 (and 11/25/03)
- ☐ A reply (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of _____) was received on _____, which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of _____ month(s)) which expired on _____.
- ☐ A proposed reply was received on _____, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to the final rejection.
(A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; or (2) Notice of Appeal).
- ☐ No reply has been received.
- ☐ Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
- ☐ The issue fee (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of _____) was received on _____.
- ☐ The submitted issue fee of \$ _____ is insufficient. The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$ _____.
- ☐ The issue fee has not been received.
- ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file new formal drawings as required in the Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37).
- ☐ Proposed new formal drawings (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of _____) were received on _____.
- ☐ The proposed new formal drawings filed _____ are not acceptable.
- ☐ No proposed new formal drawings have been received.
- ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.
- ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.
- ☐ The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rendered on _____ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.
- ☐ The reason(s) below:

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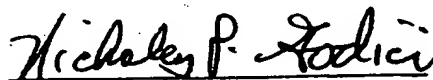
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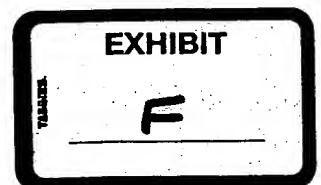


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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 25, 2003 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 Claims 1-18 canceled.

1 19. (Previously Amended) A method of manufacturing carbon fiber coils comprising:
2 placing a solid catalyst within a reaction chamber;
3 supplying stock gas and a catalytic gas to the reaction chamber;
4 applying voltage to the solid catalyst to charge the solid catalyst; and
5 heating the interior of the chamber to grow carbon fiber coils from the stock gas, wherein an
6 exterior of the reaction chamber is substantially free of a magnetic field during the heating.

1 Claims 20-23 canceled.

1 24. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 19, wherein the voltage is a
2 DC voltage and the solid catalyst is negatively charged.

1 25. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 19, wherein the interior of
2 the chamber is heated to a temperature in the range of 700 to 830 degrees Centigrade.

1 26. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for manufacturing carbon fiber coils from a
2 stock gas, which is subjected to thermal decomposition to generate solid carbon, and a catalytic
3 gas, which promotes thermal decomposition of the stock gas, the apparatus comprising:
4 a reaction chamber, to which the stock gas and the catalytic gas are supplied
5 through a port;
6 a solid catalyst located within the reaction chamber;
7 a power source, which is external to the reaction chamber, for applying voltage to
8 the solid catalyst; **[[and]]**
9 a heating device for heating the interior of the reaction chamber to grow carbon
10 fiber coils from the stock gas, wherein the heating device produces substantially no magnetic
11 field in the reaction chamber;

12 wherein the catalytic gas contains at least one of sulfur compound and phosphorus
13 compound, and the sulfur compound and phosphorus compound include thiophene, hydrogen
14 sulfide, methylmercaptan, and phosphorus trichloride;

15 wherein the solid catalyst faces an outlet of the port and is spaced from the outlet by a
16 distance, and the stock gas is supplied to the reaction chamber at a certain velocity, wherein the
17 ratio of the velocity of the stock gas to the distance is in a range of 10 to 10000, wherein the
18 velocity is expressed in centimeters per minute and the distance is expressed in centimeters; and

19 wherein the catalytic gas contains at least one of sulfur compound and phosphorus
20 compound, and the sulfur compound and phosphorus compound include thiophene, hydrogen
21 sulfide, methylmercaptan, and phosphorus trichloride.

1 Please cancel claim 27.

1 28. (Currently amended) The apparatus according to claim ~~[[27]]~~ 26, wherein the stock
2 gas contains one of acetylene, methane, and propane.

1 29. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 28, wherein the catalyst
2 contains microcrystalline nickel.

1 Please cancel claim 30.

1 Claim 31 canceled.

1 32. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 26, wherein the reaction
2 chamber is heated to a temperature in the range of 700 to 830 degrees Centigrade.

1 Claims 33-35 canceled.

1 36. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 35, wherein the power
2 source is a DC power source for negatively charging the solid catalyst.

1 Claims 37-40 canceled.

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 19, 24-26, 28-29, 32 and 36 are pending.

Applicants note with appreciation the indicated allowability of claims 19, 24-25, 29 and 31.

Claims 26-30, 32 and 36 stand rejected. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

In the previous amendment, applicants amended claim 26 to include the subject matter of claim 31. However, applicants neglected to include the subject matter of claim 30 (upon which claim 31 depended) and claim 27 (upon which claim 30 depended). Accordingly, applicants have amended claim 26 to include the subject matter of claims 27 and 30. It is respectfully submitted that claim 26 is now allowable as indicated by the Examiner in the office action mailed November 12, 2002. Claims 32 and 36 depend on claim 26 and therefore are also allowable for at least the reasons claim 26 is allowable.

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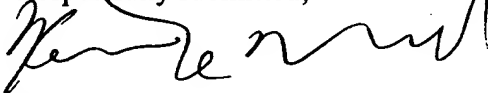
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is urged.

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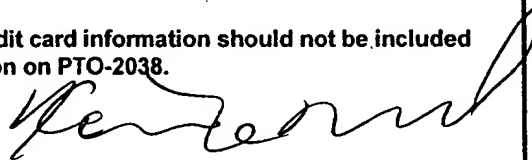
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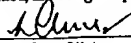
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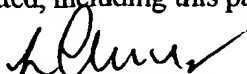
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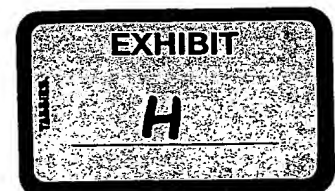
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NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

This application is abandoned in view of:

- ☒ Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 4/25/03.
- ☐ A reply (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of _____) was received on _____, which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of _____ month(s)) which expired on _____.
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- ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.
- ☐ The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rendered on _____ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.

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The amendment of 10/21/04 is a second copy of
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Summary of Record of Interview Requirements

Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), Section 713.04, Substance of Interview Must be Made of Record

A complete written statement as to the substance of any face-to-face, video conference, or telephone interview with regard to an application must be made of record in the application whether or not an agreement with the examiner was reached at the interview.

Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 1.133 Interviews Paragraph (b)

In every instance where reconsideration is requested in view of an interview with an examiner, a complete written statement of the reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action must be filed by the applicant. An interview does not remove the necessity for reply to Office action as specified in §§ 1.111, 1.135. (35 U.S.C. 132)

37 CFR §1.2 Business to be transacted in writing.

All business with the Patent or Trademark Office should be transacted in writing. The personal attendance of applicants or their attorneys or agents at the Patent and Trademark Office is unnecessary. The action of the Patent and Trademark Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. No attention will be paid to any alleged oral promise, stipulation, or understanding in relation to which there is disagreement or doubt.

The action of the Patent and Trademark Office cannot be based exclusively on the written record in the Office if that record is itself incomplete through the failure to record the substance of interviews.

It is the responsibility of the applicant or the attorney or agent to make the substance of an interview of record in the application file, unless the examiner indicates he or she will do so. It is the examiner's responsibility to see that such a record is made and to correct material inaccuracies which bear directly on the question of patentability.

Examiners must complete an Interview Summary Form for each interview held where a matter of substance has been discussed during the interview by checking the appropriate boxes and filling in the blanks. Discussions regarding only procedural matters, directed solely to restriction requirements for which interview recordation is otherwise provided for in Section 812.01 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, or pointing out typographical errors or unreadable script in Office actions or the like, are excluded from the interview recordation procedures below. Where the substance of an interview is completely recorded in an Examiners Amendment, no separate Interview Summary Record is required.

The Interview Summary Form shall be given an appropriate Paper No., placed in the right hand portion of the file, and listed on the "Contents" section of the file wrapper. In a personal interview, a duplicate of the Form is given to the applicant (or attorney or agent) at the conclusion of the interview. In the case of a telephone or video-conference interview, the copy is mailed to the applicant's correspondence address either with or prior to the next official communication. If additional correspondence from the examiner is not likely before an allowance or if other circumstances dictate, the Form should be mailed promptly after the interview rather than with the next official communication.

The Form provides for recordation of the following information:

- Application Number (Series Code and Serial Number)
- Name of applicant
- Name of examiner
- Date of interview
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- Name of participant(s) (applicant, attorney or agent, examiner, other PTO personnel, etc.)
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- An indication whether an agreement was reached and if so, a description of the general nature of the agreement (may be by attachment of a copy of amendments or claims agreed as being allowable). Note: Agreement as to allowability is tentative and does not restrict further action by the examiner to the contrary.
- The signature of the examiner who conducted the interview (if Form is not an attachment to a signed Office action)

It is desirable that the examiner orally remind the applicant of his or her obligation to record the substance of the interview of each case. It should be noted, however, that the Interview Summary Form will not normally be considered a complete and proper recordation of the interview unless it includes, or is supplemented by the applicant or the examiner to include, all of the applicable items required below concerning the substance of the interview.

A complete and proper recordation of the substance of any interview should include at least the following applicable items:

- 1) A brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted,
- 2) an identification of the claims discussed,
- 3) an identification of the specific prior art discussed,
- 4) an identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed, unless these are already described on the Interview Summary Form completed by the Examiner,
- 5) a brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the examiner,
(The identification of arguments need not be lengthy or elaborate. A verbatim or highly detailed description of the arguments is not required. The identification of the arguments is sufficient if the general nature or thrust of the principal arguments made to the examiner can be understood in the context of the application file. Of course, the applicant may desire to emphasize and fully describe those arguments which he or she feels were or might be persuasive to the examiner.)
- 6) a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed, and
- 7) if appropriate, the general results or outcome of the interview unless already described in the Interview Summary Form completed by the examiner.

Examiners are expected to carefully review the applicant's record of the substance of an interview. If the record is not complete and accurate, the examiner will give the applicant an extendable one month time period to correct the record.

Examiner to Check for Accuracy

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METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR MANUFACTURING CARBON FIBER COILS
Your Ref: P3P99022US
Our File: 087711-000000US

Dear Mr. Ino:

Mr. LeMond, who in the past handled the above-referenced U.S. patent application, left our firm last year. As a result, I have taken over responsibility for handling this application.

At the moment I am uncertain whether the client intended to abandon this application. I see no such correspondence from you, but have noted entries to that effect in our docketing system. Why these entries were made I cannot tell.

Please let me know if this application was to be abandoned and, if so, how this was communicated to our office.

I regret the confusion on our part and thank you in advance for helping me clarify it.

Best regards,

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Dear Mr. Seka:

Thank you for your letter dated February 15, 2007
 regarding the above-identified case.

First of all, our clients do not intend to abandon this
 case. The last letter which we received from Mr. LeMond was
 dated January 16, 2004 enclosing the notice of recorded
 assignments. We would like you to send the document if
 anything was issued by the USPTO as soon as possible.

In addition, please confirm that this application is not
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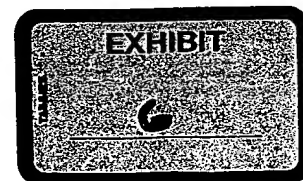
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Very truly yours,

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Dear Mr. Ino:

I apologize for the delay in responding to your letter of February 20, 2007, which was caused by health issues on my part.

I reviewed the file and, indeed, we caused the abandonment of this application.

We responded to several Office Actions which indicated that amongst others dependent claim 31 is allowable, although this allowability is not entirely clear because the Examiner never directly addressed claim 31 in the body of the Office Action, i.e. the Office Action dated November 12, 2002.

In response to the November 12 Office Action, my former partner, Mr. LeMond, who has since left our firm, attempted to combine claim 26 with dependent claim 31 but omitted to include the intervening claims 27 and 30. This resulted in the subsequent Final Rejection dated April 25, 2003, some correspondence back and forth related to the Final Rejection, an apparent misunderstanding on the part of Mr. LeMond, and a subsequent belief that the application was actually being allowed, which was not the case.

What should have been done at the time the Amendment After Final Rejection was filed (without placing claim 26 in condition for allowance) was to file a Request For Continued Examination (RCE). Since this was not done, the case went abandoned.

We will file a Petition to reinstate the application for unintentional abandonment, and we will of course absorb all costs thereof. With that Petition, we also need to file an RCE and a response to the Final Rejection, which includes an Amendment to combine claim 26 with claim 31 and intervening claims 27 and 30.




Attached is a copy of the Amendment that we plan to file. Please review the proposed amendment to claim 26 and note that we added a new claim 41 to cover material that was deleted from claim 26. If the Amendment is acceptable, please advise us at your early convenience so that we can promptly file the Petition for reinstatement of the application together with the RCE and the Amendment in response to the Final Rejection.

I deeply regret our oversight in this matter, but assure you that we will attend to the case, get it reinstated, and then proceed to place it in condition for allowance.

I thank you in advance for your understanding in this matter.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,



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In re application of:

SEIJI MOTOJIMA, ET AL.

Application No. 09/403,894

Filed: October 26, 1999

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
MANUFACTURING CARBON FIBER
COILS

Examiner: Stuart L. Hendrickson

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1754

AMENDMENT

San Francisco, CA 94111
March 13, 2007

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Sir:

This Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination. Applicants respectfully request that the Amendment dated September 25, 2003 not be entered.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-18 (Canceled)

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): A method of manufacturing carbon fiber coils comprising:

placing a solid catalyst within a reaction chamber;

supplying stock gas and a catalytic gas to the reaction chamber;

applying voltage to the solid catalyst to charge the solid catalyst; and

heating the interior of the chamber to grow carbon fiber coils from the stock gas, wherein an exterior of the reaction chamber is substantially free of a magnetic field during the heating.

Claims 20-23 (Canceled)

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 19, wherein the voltage is a DC voltage and the solid catalyst is negatively charged.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 19, wherein the interior of the chamber is heated to a temperature in the range of 700 to 830 degrees Centigrade.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): An apparatus for manufacturing carbon fiber coils from a stock gas, which is subjected to thermal decomposition to generate solid carbon, and a catalytic gas, which promotes thermal decomposition of the stock gas, the apparatus comprising:

a reaction chamber, to which the stock gas and the catalytic gas are supplied through a port;

a solid catalyst located within the reaction chamber;

a power source, which is external to the reaction chamber, for applying voltage to the solid catalyst; [[and]]

a heating device for heating the interior of the reaction chamber to grow carbon fiber coils from the stock gas, wherein the heating device produces substantially no magnetic field in the reaction chamber;

wherein the solid catalyst faces an outlet of the port and is spaced from the outlet by a distance, and the stock gas is supplied to the reaction chamber at a certain velocity, wherein the ratio of the velocity of the stock gas to the distance is in a range of 10 to 10000, wherein the velocity is expressed in centimeters per minute and the distance is expressed in centimeters;

wherein the catalytic gas contains a gas having elements of the fifteenth and sixteenth groups in the periodic table; and

wherein the catalytic gas contains at least one of a sulfur compound [[and]] or a phosphorus compound, ~~and the sulfur compound and phosphorus compound include thiophene, hydrogen sulfide, methylmercaptan, and phosphorus trichloride.~~

Claim 27 (Canceled)

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): The apparatus according to claim [[27]] 26, wherein the stock gas contains one of acetylene, methane, and propane.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 28, wherein the catalyst contains microcrystalline nickel.

Claims 30-31 (Canceled)

Claim 32 (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 26, wherein the reaction chamber is heated to a temperature in the range of 700 to 830 degrees Centigrade.

Claims 33-35 (Canceled)

Claim 36 (Currently Amended): The apparatus according to claim [[35]] 26, wherein the power source is a DC power source for negatively charging the solid catalyst.

Claims 37-40 (Canceled)

Claim 41 (New): The apparatus according to claim 26, wherein the at least one sulfur compound or phosphorous compound comprises one of thiophene, hydrogen sulfide, methylmercaptan, and phosphorous trichloride.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 19, 24-26, 28, 29, 32, 36, and 41 are pending. Claims 27 and 30 have been canceled. Claim 41 has been added. Claims 26, 28, and 36 have been amended.

The final Office Action mailed April 25, 2003 allows claims 19, 24, and 25. Claims 26-30, 32, and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention.

Applicants have amended claim 26 to further clarify the claim and to incorporate all the features of claims 27 and 30. New claim 41 has been added to set forth subject matter deleted from claim 26. Claims 28 and 36 have been amended to correct their dependencies. No new matter has been added. The Examiner's rejection is respectfully traversed.

The prior Office Action mailed November 12, 2002 indicated that claim 31 contained allowable subject matter (please note that claim 31 had been previously amended on July 24, 2001). Applicants have now incorporated claim 31, including the verbatim language from intervening claims 27 and 30, into independent claim 26. Applicants have made only minor changes in the claim language formerly contained within claim 31 so as to obviate the §112, second paragraph rejection.

In particular, the Examiner stated that claim 26 is unclear because "the listed gases do not contain S and P; the claims now require one gas which contains both of these elements" (final Office Action, p. 2, lines 6-7). Claim 26 now sets forth that "the catalytic gas contains at least one of a sulfur compound or a phosphorous compound." Moreover, applicants have removed the list of compounds containing sulfur or phosphorous to new claim 41 so as to clarify the scope of claim 26. Therefore, applicants submit that the §112, second paragraph rejection is obviated.

In line with the Examiner's prior comments (see final Office Action, p. 2, lines 8-10), independent claim 26 remains patentable over Foster because that reference still does not show or suggest applicants' combination of features, particularly, applicants' requirement for the catalytic gas to contain at least one of a sulfur or phosphorous compound.

In view of the foregoing, applicants submit that the §112, second paragraph rejection is obviated and that independent claim 26 is patentable over Foster. Claims 27-30, 32, and 36 are patentable at least because they depend from claim 26.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,

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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT
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APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION

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- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee — required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

1. Petition fee

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- ☒ Other than small entity — fee \$ 1,500 (37 CFR 1.17(m))

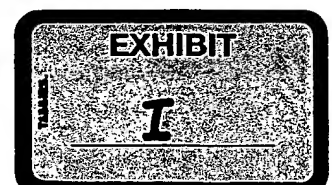
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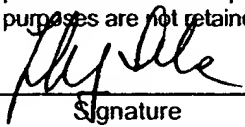
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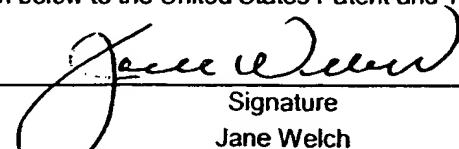
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Application Number	09/403,894
Filing Date	October 26, 1999
First Named Inventor	Motojima, Seiji
Art Unit	1754
Examiner Name	Stuart L. Hendrickson
Attorney Docket Number	087711-000000US

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

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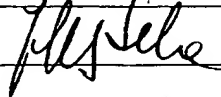
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- b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, any underpayment of fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 20-1430. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.
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In re application of:

SEIJI MOTOJIMA, ET AL.

Application No. 09/403,894

Filed: October 26, 1999

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
MANUFACTURING CARBON FIBER
COILS

Examiner: Stuart L. Hendrickson

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1754

AMENDMENT

San Francisco, CA 94111
March 19, 2007

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination. Applicants respectfully request that the Amendment dated September 25, 2003 not be entered.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-18 (Canceled)

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): A method of manufacturing carbon fiber coils comprising:

placing a solid catalyst within a reaction chamber;

supplying stock gas and a catalytic gas to the reaction chamber;

applying voltage to the solid catalyst to charge the solid catalyst; and

heating the interior of the chamber to grow carbon fiber coils from the stock gas,

wherein an exterior of the reaction chamber is substantially free of a magnetic field during the heating.

Claims 20-23 (Canceled)

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 19, wherein the voltage is a DC voltage and the solid catalyst is negatively charged.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 19, wherein the interior of the chamber is heated to a temperature in the range of 700 to 830 degrees Centigrade.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): An apparatus for manufacturing carbon fiber coils from a stock gas, which is subjected to thermal decomposition to generate solid carbon, and a catalytic gas, which promotes thermal decomposition of the stock gas, the apparatus comprising:

a reaction chamber, to which the stock gas and the catalytic gas are supplied through a port;

a solid catalyst located within the reaction chamber;

a power source, which is external to the reaction chamber, for applying voltage to the solid catalyst; [[and]]

a heating device for heating the interior of the reaction chamber to grow carbon fiber coils from the stock gas, wherein the heating device produces substantially no magnetic field in the reaction chamber;

wherein the solid catalyst faces an outlet of the port and is spaced from the outlet by a distance, and the stock gas is supplied to the reaction chamber at a certain velocity, wherein the ratio of the velocity of the stock gas to the distance is in a range of 10 to 10000, wherein the velocity is expressed in centimeters per minute and the distance is expressed in centimeters;

wherein the catalytic gas contains a gas having elements of the fifteenth and sixteenth groups in the periodic table; and

wherein the catalytic gas contains at least one of a sulfur compound [[and]] or a phosphorus compound, ~~and the sulfur compound and phosphorus compound include thiophene, hydrogen sulfide, methylmercaptan, and phosphorus trichloride.~~

Claim 27 (Canceled)

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): The apparatus according to claim [[27]] 26, wherein the stock gas contains one of acetylene, methane, and propane.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 28, wherein the catalyst contains microcrystalline nickel.

Claims 30-31 (Canceled)

Claim 32 (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 26, wherein the reaction chamber is heated to a temperature in the range of 700 to 830 degrees Centigrade.

Claims 33-35 (Canceled)

Claim 36 (Currently Amended): The apparatus according to claim [[35]] 26, wherein the power source is a DC power source for negatively charging the solid catalyst.

Claims 37-40 (Canceled)

Claim 41 (New): The apparatus according to claim 26, wherein the at least one sulfur compound or phosphorous compound comprises one of thiophene, hydrogen sulfide, methylmercaptan, and phosphorous trichloride.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 19, 24-26, 28, 29, 32, 36, and 41 are pending. Claims 27 and 30 have been canceled. Claim 41 has been added. Claims 26, 28, and 36 have been amended.

The final Office Action mailed April 25, 2003 allows claims 19, 24, and 25. Claims 26-30, 32, and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention.

Applicants have amended claim 26 to further clarify the claim and to incorporate all the features of claims 27 and 30. New claim 41 has been added to set forth subject matter deleted from claim 26. Claims 28 and 36 have been amended to correct their dependencies. No new matter has been added. The Examiner's rejection is respectfully traversed.

The prior Office Action mailed November 12, 2002 indicated that claim 31 contained allowable subject matter (please note that claim 31 had been previously amended on July 24, 2001). Applicants have now incorporated claim 31, including the verbatim language from intervening claims 27 and 30, into independent claim 26. Applicants have made only minor changes in the claim language formerly contained within claim 31 so as to obviate the §112, second paragraph rejection.

In particular, the Examiner stated that claim 26 is unclear because "the listed gases do not contain S and P; the claims now require one gas which contains both of these elements" (final Office Action, p. 2, lines 6-7). Claim 26 now sets forth that "the catalytic gas contains at least one of a sulfur compound or a phosphorous compound." Moreover, applicants have removed the list of compounds containing sulfur or phosphorous to new claim 41 so as to clarify the scope of claim 26. Therefore, applicants submit that the §112, second paragraph rejection is obviated.


In line with the Examiner's prior comments (see final Office Action, p. 2, lines 8-10), independent claim 26 remains patentable over Foster because that reference still does not show or suggest applicants' combination of features, particularly, applicants' requirement for the catalytic gas to contain at least one of a sulfur or phosphorous compound.

In view of the foregoing, applicants submit that the §112, second paragraph rejection is obviated and that independent claim 26 is patentable over Foster. Claims 27-30, 32, and 36 are patentable at least because they depend from claim 26.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,


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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/403,894 for:
METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR MANUFACTURING CARBON FIBER COILS
Your Ref: P3P99022US
Our File: 087711-000000US

Dear Mr. Ino:

Thank you for your letter of March 16, 2007.

I confirm that we have filed the Petition for Revival of an Unintentionally Abandoned Patent Application and the Amendment which I forwarded to you with my letter of March 14, 2007. I made no further changes to the Amendment.

Enclosed are copies of the Petition, the Amendment, and the required Request for Continued Examination (RCE).


Also enclosed are a copy of an Advisory Action dated November 25, 2003, which I believe you have not received, and a Notice of Abandonment dated January 25, 2007 to complete your records concerning this matter.

Our debit note for filing the RCE with the Amendment will follow later. There will be no charges for petitioning to revive the application and for extensions of time.

I again sincerely regret this oversight on our part and I will do everything in my power to rectify the situation and, hopefully, get this application allowed in the near future.

I will keep you posted as to all further developments.

Best regards,


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